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Developmental Dynamics Seminar

“ Evolution of cell fusion ”

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Cell fusion is essential for fertilization and organogenesis. GCS1(HAP2) are membrane glycoproteins essential for gamete fusion in plants and protists. To determine whether GCS1 is also sufficient for cell fusion, we expressed the Arabidopsis GCS1 in mammalian cells. We found that GCS1 expression results in the formation of giant cells via cell fusion [1]. The crystal structures of Arabidopsis and Chlamydomonas HAP2s structural homology with the nematode *C. elegans*' EFF-1 and class II viral fusion proteins [2]. We named this superfamily FUSEXINS: FUSion proteins essential for sexual reproduction and EXoplasmic merger of plasma membranes [1]. I will show data regarding the origin of fusexins.

[1] Valansi et al. J Cell Biol (2017). [2] Fedry et al. PLoS Biol (2018).

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